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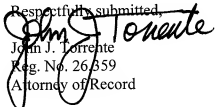
**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Applicant's undersigned attorney held a telephone interview with the Examiner in the above-identified application on September 11, 2008. Prior to the interview, applicant submitted to the Examiner on September 9, 2008 an Agenda For Telephone Interview Scheduled For September 11, 2008 at 2:00PM. A copy of the Agenda is attached hereto to be made of record in the file and it is incorporated herein by reference.

Applicant confirms that the substance of the interview was as set forth in the in the Agenda and in the statement of the substance of the interview in the Interview Summary Summary.

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**Agenda For Telephone Interview Scheduled For September 11, 2008 at 2:00PM**

As requested by the Examiner, applicant's undersigned attorney has provided below an agenda for conducting the telephone interview with the Examiner to be held on September 11, 2008 at 2:00PM:

1. Discuss Newly Added Feature of Claims 1 and 11.

a) Use of the Node ID in the CIP header to control the relay of an isochronous packet from first to second ports of the apparatus: if the node ID is of a permission node, the relaying of a packet occurs; if node ID is of a prohibited node, relaying is prohibited and another packet including dummy data or null data is sent to the second port.

b) Use of the node ID is required to realize enhanced security for transmission between nodes on network segment A and nodes on network segment B, regardless of the

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devices on the nodes (specification: page 3, line 24 to page 4, line 4; page 17, lines 17-26).

2. Compare above features with Seong patent.

a) In Seong the unique ID of the device at a node, not the node ID, is used to determine whether it is permitted to connect to the device at the node through the STB (column 5, lines 34-43). When connection to a device is prohibited, connection is terminated and an error message is displayed, and no dummy data is sent (column 5, lines 44-47).

b) Use of the device ID is required in Seong because the concern is connectivity to compatible devices (column 5, lines 25-29) which could not be accomplished using the node ID, since different devices with different device IDs can be connected to any node.

3. Discuss the Examiner's basis for combining of Johnson with Seong.

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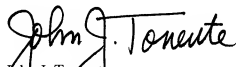
There appears no need in Seong under these circumstances, i.e., when connection is prohibited, to send dummy data.

Applicant's undersigned attorney looks forward to conducting the interview with the Examiner in the hopes of moving prosecution of the application forward. Applicant's undersigned attorney will telephone the Examiner on the date and time above set forth.

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